



The VOSH Institute for Learning & Outreach

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*Virginia's Center for Excellence
in the Development of Injury and Illness Free Career Culture*



Virginia Trench Safety Summit

April 22, 2025

***Virginia Department of Labor and Industry (DOLI),
Virginia Department of Fire Programs,
and North American Excavation Shoring Association (NAXSA)
Join Forces to Offer
Free Trench Safety Training and Demonstrations***

The Virginia Department of Labor and Industry (DOLI) Virginia Occupational Safety and Health (VOSH) continues to target fatality prevention and endorse *Injury Free Careers* throughout Virginia's workforce. DOLI, under the VOSH Institute for Learning & Outreach (VILO), along with the Virginia Department of Fire Programs and NAXSA are collaborating to provide state-of-the-art excavation and trench safety training and demonstrations to workers and contractors this spring.

Outdoor sessions include trench side demonstrations in hydraulic shoring, proper use of aluminum and steel trench boxes, and trench rescue. Indoor sessions include tabulated engineering data and OSHA updates and standards for trench excavation. Keynote speaker, Eric Giguere, will begin the day by sharing his compelling, firsthand experience as a worker trapped by a trench collapse, his life saved by rescue personnel.

VILO in support of DOLI's Division of Occupational Safety and Health will provide information on OSHA standards and updates along with other key information and resources on trench safety practice and compliance. The Virginia Department of Fire Programs, in key partnership with the Henrico County Division of Fire, will prepare the trenches and provide the outdoor rescue demonstration, highlighting the expertise and protocol required to conduct rescue and

recovery operations for trench incidents. NAXSA will supply excavation shoring experts for classroom instruction as well as experts and equipment for two outdoor shoring demonstrations.

The event takes place at the 2000-acre Virginia Public Safety Training Center (VPSTC), a state-of-the-art training facility in Hanover, Virginia, where state and local government agencies share resources, ideas, expertise, and best practices in a collaborative and cost-effective manner.

Organizers expect 130 participants for classroom training and trench demonstration breakout sessions rotating throughout the event. In addition to training, attendees will receive breakfast and lunch and free parking. Complimentary exhibit tables will be available for vendors.

Free Registration is required – link below:

[Registration Link for 2025 Virginia Trench Safety Summit](#)

Vendor Exhibits:

A limited number of tabletop exhibits are available. Send an email to [Melanie McKee](#) with your company information and a brief description of the products or services you plan on exhibiting.

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Virginia Trench Safety Summit
Location: Virginia Public Safety Training Center
7093 Broad Neck Road
Hanover, Virginia 23069

Final SCHEDULE for 4/22/25

	Time
Registration Check In Vendor Tables Breakfast	7:00 – 8:00 AM
Welcome and Introductions: Gary Pan, Commissioner, VA Dept of Labor & Industry Steve Simon, President-Elect, NAXSA Brad Creasy, Executive Director, VA Department of Fire Programs	8:00-8:20
Keynote Speaker: Eric Giguere	8:30 – 9:30
OSHA Updates and Standards for Trench Excavation	9:40 – 10:30
Tabulated Data – Virginia Department of Fire Programs	10:40 – 11:30
Lunch with comments: Jennifer Rose, VOSH Cooperative Programs Director	11:30- 12:30
Bus Transport to Trench Excavation Site (< 1 mile distance)	12:30 – 1:00
Trench Demo Station One: VA Dept of Fire Programs – Rescue (45 minutes)	1:00 – 3:45 <i>(Note: Attendees will rotate through three separate 45 minute trench side demonstrations with 15 minute breaks in between sessions)</i>
Trench Demo Station Two: Hydraulic Shoring (45 Minutes)	
Trench Demo Station Three: Proper Use Aluminum/Steel Trench Boxes (45 Minutes)	
Bus Transport from Trenches to Main Campus and Parking Lot (< 1 Mile distance)	3:45 – 4:15

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